

EXHIBIT A – Public Comments on Housing and Community Needs

The following is a summary of housing and community development needs as identified at the September community workshops and the Consolidated Planning Needs Assessment Survey:

Affordable Housing:

- Attendees expressed the need for the rehabilitation of single family homes for low income families.
- Attendees and participants of the needs survey expressed the need for affordable rental housing units for extremely low and low income families.

Homelessness Service:

- Several individuals expressed support for the continued financial support to the Maxine Lewis Memorial Homeless Shelter and the Prado Day Center.
- Ongoing discussion by the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) places emphasis on the need for case management services as a key component to reducing homelessness in the county.
- Participants of the needs survey expressed the need for additional homeless shelters and centers.
- Participants of the needs survey expressed the need for homeless prevention (short term deposits and rental assistance for people at risk of losing housing and becoming homeless) and rapid re-housing financial assistance (short term deposits and rental assistance for homeless persons to move into permanent housing).

Public Services:

- Representative from Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) expressed the need for continued funding for operation of homeless shelters and services.
- Attendees indicated a need for sober living transitional housing and related supportive services.
- Participants in the needs survey expressed a high priority for mental health and homeless services.

Economic Development:

- Participants in the needs survey expressed the need for job creation and retention.

Public Facilities:

- Participants in the needs surveys expressed the need for slum/blight removal and street lighting improvement.

Attachment 1

- Participants in the needs survey expressed a great need for health care facilities and child care centers.